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SUBJECT: DETAINED US MISSIONARIES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 989

1. RAY BARNETT OF QUOTE FRIENDS OF THE WEST, UNQUOTE A US/CANADIAN ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSES, MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO ON SEPTEMBER 30 ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS CASES OF SIX DETAINED MISSIONARIES (THREE US, ONE BRAZILIAN, ONE UK, AND ONE ZAMBIAN). BARNETT VOLUNTEERED TO DEPARTMENT THAT TONE
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OF MEETING WAS POLITE BUT THAT CHISSANO PROFESSED NO

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KNOWLEDGE OF CASES AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THEM. CHISSANO SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO LOURENCO MARQUES ABOUT MID-OCTOBER, INDICATING HE MIGHT NOT RAISE ISSUE WITH GPRM UNTIL THEN. HE SUGGESTED BARNETT KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION TO UNGA.

2. CHISSANO NOTED EARLIER APPROACH ON MISSIONARIES BY DEPARTMENT OFFICER, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION HE HAD FOLLOWED UP WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN DETAINED MISSIONARIES, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN VISITED BY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS SINCE VISIT REPORTED IN REFTEL.

4. CAN POST CONFIRM THAT OTHER MISSIONARIES LISTED BY BARNETT ARE BEING DETAINED? HE HAD EARLIER MENTIONED THAT STILL OTHER MISSIONARIES OF PORTUGUESE AND PERHAPS OTHER NATIONALITIES ALSO HELD.

5. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING OTHER CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH TO CONVEY US CONCERN OVER MISSIONARIES TO MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENT ON FEASIBILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF DEPARTMENT WORKING THROUGH UN TO REQUEST RESREP BALINSKI TO APPROACH GPRM REGARDING US AND OTHER DETAINED MISSIONARIES OR, ALTERNATIVELY, OF DEPARTMENT APPROACHING ZAMBIAN AND/OR OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVING REPRESENTATION AND MISSIONARIES OF THEIR NATIONALITY DETAINED IN MOZAMBIQUE IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE ONE SUCH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE APPROACH TO MOZAMBICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON BEHALF OF ALL IMPRISONED MISSIONARIES. KISSINGER

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